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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 28, 2003. Applicant requests amendment of the claims according to the attached marked-up claims and reconsideration of patentability based on the information disclosure statement mailed on even date with this response, the amended claims and the reasons which follow.

REMARKSExplanation of amendments

Claim 1 is amended to convert this process claim to a product claim in conformance with applicants' election under the restriction requirement.

Support for the wording of claims 14 and 22 may be found at page 27, lines 22-24 (last sentence of first paragraph under the heading, "Flame Retardant").

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